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Application No: 10/731,125
Attorney's Docket No: ALC 3103**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 13 and 19 are independent. Claims 1, 13 and 19 are amended.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Lie for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone interview which was conducted on June 4, 2007.

In section 2 on pages 2-6, the Office Action rejects claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,018,524 to Turner et al. (hereinafter "Turner") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,813,620 to Lin et al. (hereinafter "Lin"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In section 4 on page 7, the Office Action indicates that the subject matter argued in Applicant's response filed January 9, 2007, was not given patentable weight. Examiner Lie is thanked for clarifying during the June 4, 2007, telephone interview that the reason why the subject matter previously argued was not given patentable weight was that the recitation of a new search area in the claims allegedly creates ambiguity regarding whether the search performed in the new area is the same search or a different search. Examiner Lie is further thanked for explaining during the telephone interview on June 4, 2007, that an Amendment clarifying that the search performed in the new search area is the same search would overcome the combination of Turner and Lin.

Claims 1, 13 and 19, from which claims 2-12, 14-18 and 20-30 depend, are amended to more clearly recite that the search performed in the new search area is the same search. It is

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respectfully submitted that no ambiguity exists in any of the pending claims regarding whether the same or different searches are performed.

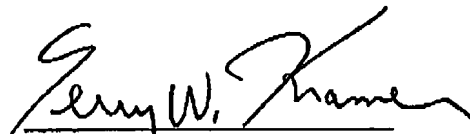
For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 1-30 as allegedly being unpatentable over Turner in view of Lin be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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